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VILLAGE CENTER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

- 1) Only a few people in attendance at the meeting.
- 2) The seven (7) pools in the V.C.C.D.D. **will be heated** - - hopefully in the 80s.
- 3) Mistakes are being made in reading your water meters. **You** must check your meter reading each month.
- 4) An okay was received by the Board of Supervisors for the new well at Hilltop.

C.C.D. #1 - SUMTER COUNTY

The **streetlight policy** was discussed. It was proposed that with 100% of people in each section voting yes, they would pay for the lighting in that section.

Frank Topping, a member of the Board, suggested lowering the voting percentage in each section from 100 to 75.

This would, for example, mean that if 33 out of 44 people in Section 3 voted yes, all 44 would have to pay.

Or if 253 people out of 338 people in Section 4 voted yes, all 338 would have to pay. **THIS SCARES ME!**

We are opening the door for the rich to play with our money! Their lawyer even said this would be an opening for court action; and the matter was postponed until the next meeting.

C.D.D. #2 - SUMTER COUNTY

P.O.A. President Joe Gottfried was the only resident in attendance. No business was conducted, and the meeting was adjourned.

Now you know why I have sweaty palms and heart palpitations.

It is my opinion the members of the Boards of Supervisors of the V.C.C.D.D. and C.C.D. #1 are getting a reputation for being stubborn, unresponsive, inflexible, inefficient and - - some times - - dead wrong!

If we are going to make them understand we are here and listen to us because we are the people of The Villages, I need your help.

We need to stop them from making everything all one way - - their way.

Joe Gottfried

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COMING "ATTRACTIONS"

Pete Wahl claims our executive golf courses are in good shape. What do you think?

Starting with the February issue of the Bulletin, I am going to feature a picture each month of conditions that drive me mad!

As an example - - the water cooler on the 4th hole at Hilltop - - the bottom of the pole rotted away so it was cut off lowering the water cooler so you have to go down on your knee to get water!

Let me know about your favorite spot(s).

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Do you realize the decisions made at meetings of the Board of Supervisors of each C.D.D. affect our lives and retirement incomes?

P.O.A. President Joe Gottfried wants you to know what goes on at these meetings, and he will attempt to keep you informed.

BUT he would like to see more residents at these meetings. At the present time, the majority of those who attend are P.O.A. members.

Listed below are the times and places where these meetings are held, and you are urged to find the time to attend.

The **V.C.C.D.D.** meets upstairs at the First Bank of The Villages on the **last Friday of each month at 9:00 a.m.**

C.D.D. #1 (Sumter County) meets in the Sumter County Annex on 466 at **10:00 a.m. on the last Friday of each month.**

C.D.D. #2 (Sumter County) meets in the Sumter County Annex on 466 at **9:00 a.m. on the first Friday of each month.**

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A LETTER WE RECEIVED

"To the family:

"When are you going to stop spoiling us? Enough - enough - enough! Don't you know what we are in for?"

"Wine and beer in a movie theatre? I can already smell the alcohol permeating the air from spills on the upholstery and the carpeting!"

"I can picture children taking a sip or two. In my time - a few years ago - I couldn't enter a neighborhood bar with my Dad.

"Don't you think you're going too far?"

(Name withheld by request)

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WINTER POOL TEMPERATURES

If you go to one of our pools every day, why not take the temperature and call Joe?

We will put it in the Bulletin and see whether or not someone is doing their job.

I checked temperatures at the following pools from November 15th through December 15th with the following results:

CHULA VISTA - - - 84 degrees

RIO GRANDE FAMILY - 84 degrees

HILLTOP - - - 84 degrees

TIERRA DEL SOL - - 72 degrees all month



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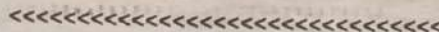
The estate planning instrument which both avoids probate and affords the most protection in the case of incapacity is the revocable living trust. The trust gives the most control, the most flexibility, and the best way to protect assets and avoid a guardianship in case of incapacity.

In the vast majority of cases, property passing outside of probate via joint ownership goes smoothly, and, unless there is an action filed by a person who is or feels damaged by the results, there is no court involvement.

Sometimes, if one anticipates discord among beneficiaries or some other problems, it may very well be in everyone's best interest to provide for a full and formal administration under the careful scrutiny of the Court.

At any rate, whatever method is chosen, an intelligent decision can be made only if the consequences of each choice is known.

(This is the final article of a series submitted by Nora J. Hill who practices exclusively in the areas of Estate Planning and Elder Law.)



SINCE YOU'RE SO SMART.....

..... complete the spelling of the following words. Example: OCT_ _ _ _ Answer: OCTOBER.

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(Turn to page 7 for the answers.)

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JANUARY 21ST P.O.A. MEETING

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2) When residents of The Villages in Lake and Sumter counties dial 911, the FLORIDA REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE responds.

Representatives if the service will speak to us in January about their membership plan and what they can do to help the P.O.A.

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P.O.A. VIAL OF LIFE PROGRAM FOR VILLAGERS IN SUMTER COUNTY NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH SHERIFF FARMER

The P.O.A. has sponsored a Vial of Life Program for many years by which vital information is available to EMTs in emergency situations.

As The Villages expanded into Sumter County, Lake County Sheriff George Knupp extended this important service to include Sumter County residents.

Now, Sumter County Sheriff W.O. "Bill" Farmer will be providing the program for Sumter Countians; and Joyce Gottfried - 750-1141 - is the P.O.A. member to contact for information and supplies.

WE HAD A RAFFLE WINNER

Joan Janos, of 610 Prado Drive, had the winning ticket for the beautiful, handmade afghan when the drawing was held at the P.O.A. meeting on December 17th.

She has donated it to be raffled off again for the benefit of the **Russ and Raii Day legal fund**; and her husband, Matthew, bought the first \$20 worth of tickets to get it started!

If you missed out on the first raffle to win this gorgeous, queen-size afghan, you will be getting a second chance at it!

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CHRISTMAS CARDS DATE BACK TO 1800s

Commercially printed Christmas cards - a relatively recent phenomenon - actually originated in London in 1843. Two things made sending them popular and commercially feasible.

One was the creation of the "Penny Post" by the British postal system in 1840 which made it possible to correspond with friends in an inexpensive way.

The other was the great increase in printing due to the invention of the steam press. Printers were looking for a larger market and Christmas cards were an appealing choice.

The first Christmas card was probably designed by John Calcott Horsely in 1846. It depicted three panels: a family enjoying wine in the center and acts of charity shown on either side.

Louis Prang, a German-born printer working in Roxbury, Mass., printed his first American card in 1875, and also popularized them.

Sending and receiving Christmas cards is one of the greatest pleasures of Christmastime; and displaying them is one of the loveliest of decorations which brighten your room as well as your spirit.

MONEY SAVING TIPS FOR SUMTER COUNTY VILLAGERS

1) RENEWAL OF CAR TAGS

Even though you live in Sumter County, your mailing address is Lady Lake; and the notice to renew your car tag comes from Lake County.

If you go to the Sumter County Annex opposite Morse Boulevard on 466 to renew your car tag, you will not only save 50 cents but the renewal money will go to Sumter County instead of Lake County.

One of the reasons our Sumter County taxes are so high is that the Commissioners in Bushnell apparently cannot see the money going out the back door.

I made sure last year that the code from Lake County (12) was changed to the Sumter County code (44), but it has been changed back to 12.

Change it back to 44. **IT'S OUR TAX DOLLARS. WE LIVE IN SUMTER COUNTY, SO LET'S GET CREDIT!**

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JANUARY DATES OF NOTE

- 19 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 21 - P.O.A. General Meeting

JANUARY EVENTS OF NOTE

- First Sugar Bowl Football Game - 1935
- First American Presidential election held - 1789
- First Texas oil strike - 1901
- Blizzard stopped Big Ben - 1955
- First Super Bowl football game - 1967
- Hawaiian Islands discovered - 1778
- Roller Coaster patented - 1885
- First Boy Scout Troop organized - 1907
- Coast-to-coast jet service began - 1959
- Vietnam War ended - 1973
- Space Shuttle Challenger exploded - 1986
- Kansas became 34th state - 1861
- 13th Amendment passed - 1865

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS OF NOTE

Isaac Newton - Joan of Arc - Alexander Hamilton - Jack London - Ben Franklin - Cezanne - Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson - and John Hancock.

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO END UP ON THIRD BASE AND THINK THEY HIT A TRIPLE TO GET THERE.

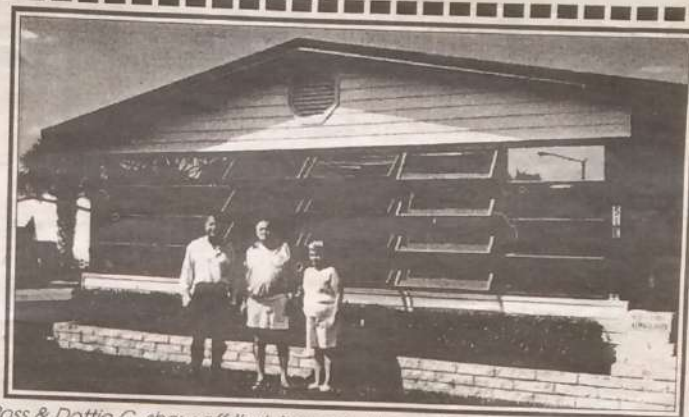
- HARRY SWITZER

HOUSE RULES

1. If you open it, close it.
2. If you turn it on, turn it off.
3. If you unlock it, lock it.
4. If you break it, repair it.
5. If you can't fix it, call someone who can.
6. If you borrow it, return it.
7. If you use it, take care of it.
8. If you make a mess, clean it up.
9. If you move it, put it back.
10. If it belongs to someone else and you want to use it, get permission.
11. If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone.
12. If it doesn't concern you, don't mess with it.

(ACCEPTING AN AWARD): I DON'T DESERVE THIS, BUT THEN I HAVE ARTHRITIS AND I DON'T DESERVE THAT EITHER.

- JACK BENNY



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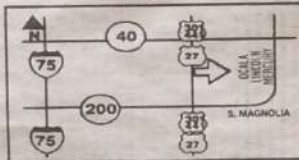
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"Creditors have better memories than debtors."

"Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, half shut afterwards."

"At twenty years the will reigns; at thirty the wit; at forty the judgment."

"Three may keep a secret if two of them are dead."

"Glass, china and reputation are easily cracked, and never well mended."

"Mankind are very odd creatures. One half censure what they practice; the other half practice what they censure; the rest always say and do as they ought."

"To err is human, to repent divine, to persist devilish."

"Love your neighbor, yet don't pull down your hedge."

I CAN REMEMBER BACK WHEN A LIBERAL WAS ONE WHO WAS GENEROUS WITH HIS OWN MONEY.
- WILL ROGERS

OF ALL THE WAYS OF CONCEALING THE TRUTH, FLATTERY IS THE MOST POPULAR.
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